

House Resolution No. 2833

Whereas, the Arnold Rifle and Pistol Club in Pevely, Missouri, sponsors the Arnold Junior Shooters program whose varsity "Red" team won First Place and the intermediate "Orange" squad took Second Place at the National Shooting Sports Foundation Scholastic Clay Target Program's National Trapshooting Championships, which were held from August 6 to August 7, 2007, in Sparta, Illinois; and

Whereas, the Arnold Junior Shooters began participating in the Scholastic Clay Target Program in 2003 with five shooters and one coach and grew to include more than thirty shooters and eight coaches during the 2007 season; and

Whereas, breaking 971 of 1,000 targets, the varsity "Red" squad consisted of John Battles of Hillsboro, Nick Edwards of Fenton, Ben Hutchings of Labadie, Kyle Kopsie of Imperial, and Jacob Wideman of Pevely; and

Whereas, "Red" team members are high school students who have a minimum of two years experience in Scholastic Clay Target Program competition; and

Whereas, breaking 947 of 1,000 targets, the "Orange" squad consisted of sixth- through eighth-grade students Billy Fisher of Arnold, Cody Morton of Hillsboro, Josh Robert of House Springs, Peter Fritz of Saint Louis, and Michael Kurtzeborn, Jr., of Saint Louis; and

Whereas, the Arnold Junior Shooters also are sponsored by the Big Game Hunters Foundation of Saint Louis; and

Whereas, the Scholastic Clay Target Program was launched by the National Shooting Sports Foundation in 2000 to offer students in grades twelve and under an opportunity to compete on teams in trap, skeet, sporting clays, and the international versions of trap and skeet in order to instill in young participants a commitment to safe firearm handling, teamwork, and leadership:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the Arnold Junior Shooters and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon taking First in varsity and Second in intermediate divisions at the Scholastic Clay Target Program National Trapshooting Championships in 2007; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Arnold Junior Shooters.

Offered by _____
Representative Tim Meadows
District No. 101

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2833, adopted May 7, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker